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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/771,338	Applicant(s) KIM, JONG HEON	
	Examiner KHAI TRAN	Art Unit 2611	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 May 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 and 16-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 14 and 16-22 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-2, 4-8, 9, 10-12, 13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. The amendment filed 5/06/2008 has been entered. Claims 3, 15 have been cancelled. Claims 1-2, 4-14, 16-22 are pending in this Office action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. Claims 1-2, 4-8, 10-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Regarding claim 1, line 10, the term "the orthogonal code" lacks antecedent basis as set forth in line 14 of this claim.

Regarding claim 7, line 2, the term "the outputted in-phase components" lacks antecedent basis.

Regarding claim 8, line 1, the term "the orthogonal code" lacks antecedent basis.

Regarding claim 10, line 15, the term "the first and second delayers" lacks antecedent basis; line 17, the term "a third transformer" is not clear because there is no any first and second transformers recited in the set of the claims 9-12.

Claims 2, 4-6, 11-12 are rejected by virtue of their dependency.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the

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prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 9, 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rege (Pat. U.S. 6,018,546) in view of Eltavil et al (U.S. Pat. 2003/0142726).

Regarding claim 9, Rege discloses a receiver in a communication system, comprising: an index detector for detecting a Walsh index indicating a maximum Walsh code by calculating an energy of each Walsh code correlation value of signal received via multi-paths (col. 3, lines 44-65, col. 4, line 13 to col. 5, line 17); a plurality of fingers for receiving the Walsh index generated from the index detector and for compensating the signals received via the multi-paths, respectively (col. 1, lines 21-35, and col. 6, lines 14-19). Rege fails to disclose using orthogonal modulation in the communication system.

Eltavil et al disclose an universal rake receiver using orthogonal modulation in the communication system (see [0019]). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the orthogonal modulation in the communication system as taught by Eltavil et al into the teachings of Rege et al in order to identify and recover the code transmitted from the multipath signal.

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Claim 13 is similar to claim 9. Therefore, claim 13 is rejected under a similar rationale.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 14, 16-22 are allowed.

6. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: Rege and Eltavil et al fail to disclose a coherent combining type demodulation method using orthogonal modulation in a communication system, comprising the steps of: finding Walsh correlation values of the despread signals; finding symbol energy values of the Walsh correlation values and detecting Walsh index having a maximum symbol energy among the symbol energy values; estimating phase error values of the Walsh correlation values by generating the Walsh correlation value corresponding to the Walsh index as a phase reference signal; finding the Walsh correlation values of the phase-compensated despread signals.

Conclusion

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to KHAI TRAN whose telephone number is (571) 272-3019. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00AM - 4:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Payne can be reached on (571) 272-3024. The fax

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phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2611

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